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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.**

**District 21 (Morris, Somerset and Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes new limits for campaign contributions by individuals, certain groups and campaign committees.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1   **AN ACT** concerning campaign contribution limits for individuals,  
2       certain groups and campaign committees, and amending and  
3       supplementing various parts of the statutory law.

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5       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8       1.   Section 2 of P.L.2004, c.174 (C.19:44A-7.3) is amended to  
9       read as follows:

10       2.   a.   No later than July 1 of each year preceding any year in  
11       which a general election is to be held to fill the office of Governor  
12       for a four-year term, the commission shall issue a report setting  
13       forth its recommendations for the adjustment of the amounts, set  
14       forth in subsection b. of this section and applicable to P.L.1973,  
15       c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.), to primary and general elections for any  
16       public office other than the office of Governor, to limitations on  
17       contributions **【to and from political committees, continuing**  
18       political committees,**】** between candidate committees, joint  
19       candidates committees, political party committees and legislative  
20       leadership committees and to other amounts, at a percentage which  
21       shall be the same as the percentage of change that the commission  
22       applies to the amounts used for the primary and general elections  
23       for the office of Governor held in the third year preceding the year  
24       in which that December 1 occurs, pursuant to section 19 of  
25       P.L.1980, c.74 (C.19:44A-7.1). Any amount so recommended for  
26       adjustment shall be rounded in the same manner as provided in that  
27       section.

28       b.   The amounts to be recommended for adjustment as provided  
29       under this section shall be:

30       (1) **【the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be**  
31       made by an individual, a corporation or labor organization to a  
32       candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee, the  
33       maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made by a  
34       political committee or a continuing political committee to a  
35       candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee other  
36       than the committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the  
37       office of Governor and**】** the maximum amount of contributions  
38       permitted to be made by one candidate, candidate committee or  
39       joint candidates committee, other than the committee of a candidate  
40       for nomination or election to the office of Governor, to another  
41       candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee other  
42       than the committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the  
43       office of Governor pursuant to section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65  
44       (C.19:44A-11.3);

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

      Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (2) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made  
2 by **an individual, corporation, labor organization, political**  
3 **committee, continuing political committee,** a candidate committee  
4 or joint candidates committee **or any other group** to any political  
5 party committee or any legislative leadership committee pursuant to  
6 section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4); and

7 (3) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made  
8 by a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee  
9 to a political committee or a continuing political committee and the  
10 maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made by one  
11 political committee or continuing political committee to another  
12 political committee or continuing political committee pursuant to  
13 section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5).

14 c. No later than July 15 of each year preceding any year in  
15 which a general election is to be held to fill the office of Governor  
16 for a four-year term, the commission shall transmit a copy of its  
17 report to each member of the Legislature and make public its  
18 recommended adjustment of limits pursuant to this section. The  
19 Legislature shall have the option of adopting all or part of the  
20 recommended adjustments by the passage of appropriate legislation.  
21 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.2)

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23 2. (New section) a. Not later than December 1 of each year  
24 preceding any year in which a general election is to be held to fill  
25 the office of Governor for a four-year term, the Election Law  
26 Enforcement Commission shall adjust the amounts, set forth in  
27 subsection b. of this section, which shall be applicable under  
28 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) to primary and general  
29 elections for any public office other than the office of Governor at a  
30 percentage which shall be the same as the rate of annual percentage  
31 increase over four years, rounded to the nearest half-percent, in the  
32 Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases  
33 of Goods and Services, computed and published quarterly by the  
34 United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic  
35 Analysis, based upon the average of the annual increase therein at  
36 the fourth quarter which occurred in the next preceding local fiscal  
37 year for the preceding four years.

38 b. The amounts subject to adjustment as provided under this  
39 section shall be:

40 (1) the maximum total amount of contributions permitted to be  
41 made by an individual, a corporation or labor organization to a  
42 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee, the  
43 maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made by a  
44 political committee or a continuing political committee to a  
45 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee other  
46 than the committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the  
47 office of Governor;

1 (2) the maximum total amount of contributions permitted to be  
2 made by an individual, corporation, labor organization, political  
3 committee, continuing political committee, or any other group to  
4 any other political committee or continuing political committee, or  
5 any political party committee or legislative leadership committee  
6 pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4).

7 c. Not later than December 15 of each year preceding any year  
8 in which a general election is to be held to fill the office of  
9 Governor for a four-year term, the commission shall report to the  
10 Legislature and make public its adjustment of limits in accordance  
11 with the provisions of this section. Whenever, following the  
12 transmittal of that report, the commission shall have notice that a  
13 person has declared as a candidate for nomination for election or for  
14 election to any public office in a forthcoming primary or general  
15 election, it shall promptly notify that candidate of the amounts of  
16 those adjusted limits.

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18 3. Section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3) is amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 18. a. No individual, other than an individual who is a candidate,  
21 no corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the  
22 laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the  
23 United States, no labor organization of any kind which exists or is  
24 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective  
25 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,  
26 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or  
27 protection in connection with employment, no political committee,  
28 no continuing political committee, or any group shall: (1) pay or  
29 make any **[contribution]** contributions of money or other thing of  
30 value to **[a candidate]** candidates who **[has]** have established only  
31 a candidate committee, **[his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign**  
32 **treasurer or candidate committee]** which in the aggregate **[exceeds**  
33 **\$2,600 per election]** exceed \$15,000 per year for all candidates, or  
34 (2) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value  
35 to candidates who have established only **[a]** joint candidates  
36 **[committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or**  
37 **joint candidates committee]** committees, which in the aggregate  
38 **[exceeds \$2,600 per election per candidate]** exceed \$15,000 per  
39 year for all candidates, or (3) pay or make any contribution of  
40 money or other thing of value to **[a candidate]** candidates who  
41 **[has]** have established both a candidate committee and a joint  
42 candidates committee, **[the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign**  
43 **treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee]**  
44 which in the aggregate **[exceeds \$2,600 per election]** exceed  
45 \$15,000 per year for all candidates. No **[candidate]** candidates who  
46 **[has]** have established only a candidate committee **[,** his campaign

1 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee] shall  
2 knowingly accept from an individual, other than an individual who  
3 is a candidate, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated  
4 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other  
5 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists  
6 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective  
7 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,  
8 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or  
9 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a  
10 continuing political committee or any group any [contribution]  
11 contributions of money or other thing of value which in the  
12 aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election] exceed \$15,000 per year  
13 for all candidates, and no candidates who have established only [a]  
14 joint candidates [committee, or their campaign treasurer, deputy  
15 campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,] committees  
16 shall knowingly accept from any such source any [contribution]  
17 contributions of money or other thing of value which in the  
18 aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election per candidate] exceed  
19 \$15,000 per year for all candidates, and no [candidate] candidates  
20 who [has] have established both a candidate committee and a joint  
21 candidates [committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign  
22 treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee]  
23 committees, shall knowingly accept from any such source any  
24 [contribution] contributions of money or other thing of value which  
25 in the aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election] exceed \$15,000 per  
26 year for all candidates.

27 b. [(1) No political committee or continuing political  
28 committee shall: (a) pay or make any contribution of money or  
29 other thing of value to a candidate who has established only a  
30 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
31 treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for  
32 nomination for election or for election for the office of Governor,  
33 which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or (b) pay or  
34 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
35 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,  
36 their campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer, or the joint  
37 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per  
38 election per candidate, or (c) pay or make any contribution of  
39 money or other thing of value to a candidate who has established  
40 both a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee, the  
41 campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate  
42 committee or joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate  
43 exceeds \$8,200 per election. No candidate who has established  
44 only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy  
45 campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate  
46 for nomination for election or for election for the office of

1 Governor, shall knowingly accept from any political committee or  
2 continuing political committee any contribution of money or other  
3 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election,  
4 and no candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
5 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or  
6 joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such  
7 source any contribution of money or other thing of value which in  
8 the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election per candidate, and no  
9 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a  
10 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy  
11 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates  
12 committee shall knowingly accept from any such source any  
13 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
14 aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

15 (2) The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,  
16 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate  
17 committee or joint candidates committee of any contribution of  
18 money or other thing of value from a political committee or  
19 continuing political committee under the provisions of paragraph  
20 (1) of this subsection shall also be applicable to the knowing  
21 acceptance of any such contribution from] Notwithstanding the  
22 provisions of subsection a. of this section, the county committee of  
23 a political party [by] shall be permitted to make contributions of  
24 \$8,200 per year in the aggregate to a candidate or the campaign  
25 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate committee or joint  
26 candidates committee of a candidate for any elective public office  
27 in another county or, in the case of a candidate for nomination for  
28 election or for election to the office of member of the Legislature,  
29 in a legislative district in which, according to the federal decennial  
30 census upon the basis of which legislative districts shall have been  
31 established, less than 20% of the population resides within the  
32 county of that county committee. In addition, all contributor  
33 reporting requirements and other restrictions and regulations  
34 applicable to a contribution of money or other thing of value by a  
35 political committee or continuing political committee under the  
36 provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) shall likewise be  
37 applicable to the making or payment of such a contribution by such  
38 a county committee.

39 [The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,  
40 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate  
41 committee or joint candidates committee of any contribution of  
42 money or other thing of value from a political committee or  
43 continuing political committee under the provisions of paragraph  
44 (1) of this subsection, except that the amount of any contribution of  
45 money or other thing of value shall be in an amount which in the  
46 aggregate does not exceed \$25,000, shall also be applicable to the  
47 knowing acceptance of any such contribution from]  
48 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section, the

1 county committee of a political party **【by】** shall be permitted to  
2 make contributions of \$25,000 per year in the aggregate to a  
3 candidate, or the campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer,  
4 candidate committee or joint candidates committee of a candidate,  
5 for nomination for election or for election to the office of member  
6 of the Legislature in a legislative district in which, according to the  
7 federal decennial census upon the basis of which legislative districts  
8 shall have been established, at least 20% but less than 40% of the  
9 population resides within the county of that county committee. In  
10 addition, all contributor reporting requirements and other  
11 restrictions and regulations applicable to a contribution of money or  
12 other thing of value by a political committee or continuing political  
13 committee under the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et  
14 al.) shall likewise be applicable to the making or payment of such a  
15 contribution by such a county committee.

16 With respect to the limitations in this paragraph, the Legislature  
17 finds and declares that:

18 (a) Persons making contributions to the county committee of a  
19 political party have a right to expect that their money will be used,  
20 for the most part, to support candidates for elective office who will  
21 most directly represent the interest of that county;

22 (b) The practice of allowing a county committee to use funds  
23 raised with this expectation to make unlimited contributions to  
24 candidates for the Legislature who may have a limited, or even  
25 nonexistent, connection with that county serves to undermine public  
26 confidence in the integrity of the electoral process;

27 (c) Furthermore, the risk of actual or perceived corruption is  
28 raised by the potential for contributors to circumvent limits on  
29 contributions to candidates by **【funnelling】** funneling money to  
30 candidates through county committees;

31 (d) The State has a compelling interest in preventing the  
32 actuality or appearance of corruption and in protecting public  
33 confidence in democratic institutions by limiting amounts which a  
34 county committee may contribute to legislative candidates whose  
35 districts are not located in close proximity to that county; and

36 (e) It is, therefore, reasonable for the State to promote this  
37 compelling interest by limiting the amount a county committee may  
38 give to a legislative candidate based upon the degree to which the  
39 population of the legislative district overlaps with the population of  
40 that county.

41 c. (1) No candidate who has established only a candidate  
42 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate  
43 committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other  
44 thing of value to another candidate who has established only a  
45 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
46 treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for  
47 nomination for election or for election for the office of Governor,  
48 which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or (b) pay or

1 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
2 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,  
3 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint  
4 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per  
5 election per candidate in the recipient committee, or (c) pay or  
6 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a  
7 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a  
8 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy  
9 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates  
10 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election. No  
11 candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his  
12 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate  
13 committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for  
14 election to the office of the Governor, shall knowingly accept from  
15 another candidate who has established only a candidate committee,  
16 his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate  
17 committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which  
18 in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, and no candidates who  
19 have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign  
20 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,  
21 shall knowingly accept from any such source any contribution of  
22 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds  
23 \$8,200 per election per candidate in the recipient committee, and no  
24 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a  
25 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy  
26 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates  
27 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any  
28 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
29 aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

30 (2) No candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
31 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or  
32 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution  
33 of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has  
34 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,  
35 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a  
36 candidate for nomination for election or for election for the office  
37 of Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each  
38 candidate in the contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per  
39 election, or (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other  
40 thing of value to candidates who have established only a joint  
41 candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
42 treasurer or joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate  
43 exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the contributing joint  
44 candidates committee, \$8,200 per election per candidate in the  
45 recipient joint candidates committee, or (c) pay or make any  
46 contribution of money or other thing of value to a candidate who  
47 has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
48 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers or



1 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, which in the  
2 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the  
3 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election. No  
4 candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his  
5 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or candidate  
6 committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for  
7 election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly accept from  
8 other candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
9 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or  
10 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other  
11 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each  
12 candidate in the contributing committee, \$8,200 per election, and no  
13 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,  
14 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint  
15 candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source  
16 any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
17 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the  
18 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election per  
19 candidate in the recipient joint candidates committee, and no  
20 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a  
21 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy  
22 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates  
23 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any  
24 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
25 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the  
26 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election.

27 (3) No candidate who has established both a candidate  
28 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign  
29 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or  
30 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution  
31 of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has  
32 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,  
33 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a  
34 candidate for nomination for election or for election for the office  
35 of Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or  
36 (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value  
37 to candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
38 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or  
39 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200  
40 per election per candidate in the recipient joint candidates  
41 committee, or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other  
42 thing of value to a candidate who has established both a candidate  
43 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign  
44 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or  
45 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200  
46 per election. No candidate who has established only a candidate  
47 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or  
48 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for

1 election or for election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly  
2 accept from a candidate who has established both a candidate  
3 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign  
4 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or  
5 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other  
6 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election,  
7 and no candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
8 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or  
9 joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such  
10 source any contribution of money or other thing of value which in  
11 the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election per candidate in the  
12 recipient joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has  
13 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
14 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or  
15 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly  
16 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other  
17 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

18 (4) Expenditures by a candidate for nomination for election or  
19 for election to the office of member of the Legislature or to an  
20 office of a political subdivision of the State, or by the campaign  
21 treasurer, deputy treasurer, candidate committee or joint candidates  
22 committee of such a candidate, which are made in furtherance of the  
23 nomination or election, respectively, of another candidate for the  
24 same office in the same legislative district or the same political  
25 subdivision shall not be construed to be subject to any limitation  
26 under this subsection; for the purposes of this sentence, the offices  
27 of member of the State Senate and member of the General  
28 Assembly shall be deemed to be the same office.

29 d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to  
30 impose any limitation on contributions by a candidate, or by a  
31 corporation, 100% of the stock in which is owned by a candidate or  
32 the candidate's spouse, child, parent or sibling residing in the same  
33 household, to that candidate's campaign.

34 e. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution  
35 to be attributed as given to or by each candidate in a joint  
36 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution to or by such  
37 a committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the  
38 committee.

39 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.3)

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41 4. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to  
42 read as follows:

43 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this  
44 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and  
45 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any  
46 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any  
47 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
48 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers

1 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or  
2 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,  
3 no political committee, continuing political committee, **【candidate**  
4 **committee or joint candidates committee or any other group,】** shall  
5 pay or make any **【contribution】** contributions of money or other  
6 thing of value to **【the campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or other**  
7 **representative of】** the State **【committee】** committees of **【a】**  
8 **political 【party】 parties, the county committees of political parties,**  
9 the municipal committee of political parties or **【the campaign**  
10 **treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of】** any  
11 legislative leadership **【committee】** committees, political  
12 committees or continuing political committees, which in the  
13 aggregate **【exceeds \$25,000】** exceed \$50,000 per year**【, or in the**  
14 **case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only**  
15 **committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per**  
16 **candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a**  
17 **candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both**  
18 **are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that**  
19 **candidate】 in total to all such entities.** No **【campaign treasurer,**  
20 **deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the】** State  
21 **【committee】** committees of **【a】** political **【party】 parties, county**  
22 committees of political parties, municipal committees of political  
23 parties or **【campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other**  
24 **representative of】** any legislative leadership **【committee】**  
25 committees, political committees or continuing political committees  
26 shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of any  
27 kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any  
28 other state or any country other than the United States, a labor  
29 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the  
30 purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing  
31 with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of  
32 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with  
33 employment, a political committee, a continuing political  
34 committee **【, a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee**  
35 **or any other group】**, any **【contribution】** contributions of money or  
36 other thing of value which in the aggregate **【exceeds \$25,000】**  
37 exceed \$50,000 per year **【, or in the case of a joint candidates**  
38 **committee when that is the only committee established by the**  
39 **candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates**  
40 **committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint**  
41 **candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,**  
42 **\$25,000 per year from that candidate】 in total to all such entities.**

43 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make  
44 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign  
45 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State  
46 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds

1 \$72,000 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
2 treasurer or other representative of the State committee of a  
3 political party shall knowingly accept from the national committee  
4 of a political party any contribution of money or other thing of  
5 value which in the aggregate exceeds \$72,000 per year.

6 b. **【**No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and  
7 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any  
8 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any  
9 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
10 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers  
11 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or  
12 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,  
13 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate  
14 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group, shall  
15 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
16 any county committee of a political party, which in the aggregate  
17 exceeds \$37,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates  
18 committee when that is the only committee established by the  
19 candidates, \$37,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates  
20 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint  
21 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,  
22 \$37,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer,  
23 deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of a county  
24 committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from an  
25 individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated  
26 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other  
27 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists  
28 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective  
29 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,  
30 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or  
31 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a  
32 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint  
33 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of  
34 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds  
35 \$37,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee  
36 when that is the only committee established by the candidates,  
37 \$37,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or  
38 in the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
39 committee when both are established by a candidate, \$37,000 per  
40 year from that candidate.**】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ).  
41 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

42 c. **【**No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and  
43 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any  
44 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any  
45 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
46 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers  
47 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or  
48 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,

1 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate  
2 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group shall  
3 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
4 any municipal committee of a political party, which in the aggregate  
5 exceeds \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates  
6 committee when that is the only committee established by the  
7 candidates, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates  
8 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint  
9 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,  
10 \$7,200 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy  
11 campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee  
12 of a political party shall knowingly accept from an individual, a  
13 corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws  
14 of this State or any other state or any country other than the United  
15 States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is  
16 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective  
17 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,  
18 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or  
19 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a  
20 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint  
21 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of  
22 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds  
23 \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when  
24 that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$7,200 per  
25 year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case  
26 of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when  
27 both are established by a candidate, \$7,200 per year from that  
28 candidate.

29 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay  
30 or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a  
31 municipal committee of a political party in a municipality not  
32 located in that county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of  
33 aggregate contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing  
34 political committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal  
35 committee of a political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy  
36 campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee  
37 of a political party in any municipality shall knowingly accept from  
38 any county committee of a political party in any county other than  
39 the county in which the municipality is located any contribution of  
40 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds the  
41 amount of contributions permitted to be so paid or made under that  
42 subsection.】 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_). (pending  
43 before the Legislature as this bill)

44 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution  
45 to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates  
46 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee  
47 shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.  
48 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.4)

1       5. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate  
4 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate  
5 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other  
6 thing of value to a political committee, other than a political  
7 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the  
8 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a  
9 continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in  
10 the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the  
11 case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no  
12 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,  
13 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint  
14 candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money  
15 or other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing  
16 political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of  
17 such a political committee, \$7,200 per election per candidate in the  
18 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political  
19 committee, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates  
20 committee, and no candidate who has established both a candidate  
21 committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or make any  
22 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
23 aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$7,200  
24 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing  
25 political committee, \$7,200 per year from that candidate. No  
26 political committee, other than a political committee which is  
27 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a  
28 public question in any election, or a continuing political committee,  
29 shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a  
30 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or  
31 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of  
32 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political  
33 committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing  
34 political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no such political  
35 committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept  
36 from candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
37 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or  
38 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other  
39 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a  
40 political committee, \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint  
41 candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political  
42 committee, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates  
43 committee, and no such political committee or continuing political  
44 committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has  
45 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
46 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which  
47 in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,  
48 \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a

1 continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year from that candidate.  
2 For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to be  
3 attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates  
4 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee  
5 shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

6 b. **【No political committee, other than a political committee**  
7 **which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat**  
8 **of a public question in any election, and no continuing political**  
9 **committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other**  
10 **thing of value to another political committee, other than a political**  
11 **committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the**  
12 **passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another**  
13 **continuing political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in**  
14 **the case of a recipient continuing political committee, \$7,200 per**  
15 **year, or in the case of a recipient political committee, \$7,200 per**  
16 **election. No political committee, other than a political committee**  
17 **which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat**  
18 **of a public question in any election, and no continuing political**  
19 **committee shall knowingly accept from another political committee,**  
20 **other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid**  
21 **or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any**  
22 **election, or another continuing political committee any contribution**  
23 **of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in**  
24 **the case of a recipient continuing political committee, \$7,200 per**  
25 **year, or in the case of a recipient political committee, \$7,200 per**  
26 **election.】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ) (pending before  
27 the Legislature as this bill)

28 c. **【No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and**  
29 **incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any**  
30 **country other than the United States, no labor organization of any**  
31 **kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in**  
32 **part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees**  
33 **concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or**  
34 **of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,**  
35 **nor any other group, shall pay or make any contribution of money**  
36 **or other thing of value to a political committee, other than a**  
37 **political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote**  
38 **the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a**  
39 **continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in**  
40 **the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the**  
41 **case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no**  
42 **such political committee or continuing political committee shall**  
43 **knowingly accept any contribution in excess of those amounts from**  
44 **an individual or from such corporation, labor organization, or other**  
45 **group.】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ) (pending before the  
46 Legislature as this bill)  
47 (cf: P.L.2001, c.384, s.3)

b. The Election Law Enforcement Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to implement this section.

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28 Specifically, the bill:

- 2) bans each individual, corporation, union, political committee and continuing political committee from making contributions to political party committees, legislative leadership committees, political committees, or continuing political committees that exceed \$50,000 per year in total for all such entities. These limitations do not apply to contributions between candidates committees, joint candidate committees, political party committees or legislative leadership committees of the same political party. The bill does provide for a quadrennial adjustment of these limitation by the Election Law Enforcement Commission based on changes in the consumer price index for the area during that four-year period.

44 The bill also provides that whenever a “qualified candidate,” for  
45 the office of Governor, as defined by current regulation, is opposed  
46 by a “non-participating candidate,” for the office of Governor, and  
47 that “non-participating candidate” receives contributions or makes  
48 expenditures in an amount sufficient to become a “qualified



1 candidate,” entitled to receive public financing for the gubernatorial  
2 election but fails to qualify by September 1 of the year in which  
3 candidates for the office of Governor will appear on the ballot, there  
4 would be no limitation as to the amount of contributions received  
5 by a “qualified candidate” which are eligible for match and the  
6 limitation as to the maximum amount which any “qualified  
7 candidate” may spend in aid of his or her candidacy would be equal  
8 to the amount of monies appropriated by the Legislature pursuant to  
9 current law.